



***The Obama Administration's Sequester Claims
vs.
Independent Fact Checkers***

Obama Team Claims	Fact Checkers Say
<p>"The janitors, the security guards, they just got a pay cut, and they've got to figure out how to manage that. That's real."</p> <p><i>Barack Obama, March 1, 2013</i></p>	<p>"This error is particularly bad--and nerve-wracking to the janitors and security guards who were misled by the president's comments." (Sequester spin: Obama's false claim of Capitol janitors receiving 'a pay cut', Glenn Kessler, Washington Post, 3/1/13)</p> 
<p>"On the issue of the janitors, if you work for an hourly wage and you earn overtime, and you depend on that overtime to make ends meet."</p> <p><i>Jay Carney, March 4, 2013</i></p>	<p>"It would be better to focus on those people rather than imaginary victims." (Capitol janitors making 'ends meet' with overtime? Nope, Glenn Kessler, Washington Post, 3/6/13)</p> 
<p>"Meals on Wheels would be able to serve 4 million fewer meals to seniors."</p> <p><i>White House Fact Sheet, February 8, 2013</i></p>	<p>"Given that federal funding is just one-third of the funding source, and the 4 million figure represents a relatively small part of the program, it is hard at this point to justify such specificity." (Sequester spin: The threat to free meals for seniors, Glenn Kessler, Washington Post, 3/1/13)</p> 
<p>"There are literally teachers now who are getting pink slips, who are getting notices that they can't come back this fall."</p> <p><i>Arnie Duncan, February 24, 2013</i></p>	<p>"Duncan made this claim not once, not twice, but three times. Let this be a teachable moment for him: Next time, before going on television, check your facts." (4 Pinocchio's for Arne Duncan's false claim of 'pink slips' for teachers, Glenn Kessler, Washington Post, 2/27/13)</p> 
<p>"Up to 70,000 children would lose access to Head Start and early Head Start services."</p> <p><i>Kathleen Sebelius, February 1, 2013</i></p>	<p>"These claims lack context that would help listeners understand what these numbers really mean." (Spin and counterspin in the sequester debate, Glenn Kessler, Washington Post, 2/26/13)</p> 
<p>If the sequester hits, federal prosecutors will have to "let criminals go."</p> <p><i>Barack Obama, February 19, 2013</i></p>	<p>"These represent significant exaggerations, so we rate the claim Mostly False." (Barack Obama says sequester could force prosecutors to 'let criminals go', Louis Jacobson, Politifact, 2/19/13)</p> 